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Office of School Support Services  
School Nutrition Programs

# *Nourishing Michigan's Future*

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Dear Conference Participant,

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), I welcome you to *Nourishing Michigan's Future*, Michigan's Food Service Directors conference! We look forward to another year as we work toward ensuring all Michigan students are fully prepared to learn by having access to healthy and nutritious meals.

To underscore the importance that feeding children has on reducing barriers to learning, Michigan recently was selected to pilot two critical programs aimed at reducing food insecurity for students most at nutritional risk. The Community Eligibility Option (CEO) allows districts with high poverty levels to feed all students free breakfast and lunch without the stigma of completing free and reduced price meal applications. The second pilot, the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children (SEBTC), allows selected families to receive funds for grocery purchases during the summer when free meals are not available through school meals programs. MDE is fortunate to work with committed partners to feed children such as No Kid Hungry, the United Way, and United Dairy Industry of Michigan. These types of collaborations are essential in meeting the nutritional needs of our students.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010 changed how students are fed. The past year has been challenging, and MDE appreciates the work of school food service employees that help ensure the new guidelines were followed and students received healthier meals. This work is critical in helping reach our educational goals for Michigan students. The majority of school districts are making good faith efforts to be in compliance with the new meal pattern. *Nourishing Michigan's Future* will provide the guidance, materials, and support necessary to implement the HHFKA changes that directly affect student nutrition programs. Your participation in this event is greatly appreciated, and I wish you the greatest success in the coming new school year!

Sincerely,

Mike Flanagan  
State Superintendent

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# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013

## DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 am—10:00 am	Registration
8:00 am—10:00 am <b>Ruby Room</b>	SNS Credentialing Exam <i>School Nutrition Association of Michigan</i>
10:00 am—10:15 am <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	Welcome and Introductions <i>Howard Leikert and Kyle Guerrant</i>
10:15 am—11:45 am <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	Opening Session - Understanding the New School Breakfast Guidelines <i>Samia Hamdan</i>
12:00 pm—1:00 pm <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	Lunch
1:00 pm—2:00 pm <b>Imperial Ballroom</b>	Breakout 1—Calculating Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) and What it Means <i>Howard Leikert</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 2—Non-Public School Sponsors Meet and Greet <i>Liana Bennett and Nichole Polston</i>
<b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 3—Increasing Participation through Smarter Lunchroom Techniques <i>Nick Drzal and Diane Golzynski</i>
<b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 4—First Fuel Breakfast Challenge <i>Whitney Vance and Deanne Kelleher</i>
2:00 pm—2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm—3:15 pm <b>Imperial Ballroom</b>	Breakout 1—HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) 101 <i>Diane Golzynski</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 2—Direct Certification/Verification for Non-Public School Sponsors <i>Lisa Brown-Taylor and Joel Thiele</i>
<b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 3—Increasing Participation through Smarter Lunchroom Techniques (Repeat) <i>Nick Drzal</i>
<b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 4—First Fuel Breakfast Challenge (Repeat) <i>Whitney Vance and Deanne Kelleher</i>
3:15 pm—3:30 pm <b>Crown Foyer</b>	Beverage Break
3:30 pm—4:30 pm <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	General Session - Everything You Want to Know About School Nutrition but Are Afraid to Ask <i>Bryan Van Dorn, Michelle Groothuis, Nick Drzal, Diane Golzynski, and Howard Leikert</i>
	Dinner on your own

# THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

## DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 am—8:00 am	Breakfast
7:30 am—8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am—8:10 am <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	Welcome Back <i>Howard Leikert and Marla Moss</i>
8:10 am—9:30 am <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	General Session—Introduction to the New Administrative Review <i>Melanie Brummeler and Stephanie Willingham</i>
9:30 am—9:45 am <b>Crown Foyer</b>	Beverage Break
9:45 am—10:45 am <b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 1—Nourishing Children After School <i>Melissa Lonsberry and Stephanie Schenkel</i>
<b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 2—Foodborne Illness Outbreak Activity <i>Diane Golzynski and Jaime Malnar</i>
<b>Imperial Ballroom</b>	Breakout 3—What's Next in 6 cent Certification and New Meal Pattern <i>Michelle Groothuis</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 4—Michigan Farm to School <i>Anne Scott</i>
10:45 am—11:00 am	Break
11:00 am—12:00 pm <b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 1—Overview of Resource Management in the New Administrative Review <i>Melanie Brummeler</i>
<b>Imperial Ballroom</b>	Breakout 2—"Kids call me fat"...Tiarra, 8 yrs. old—Become Part of the Childhood Obesity Solution <i>Lisa Brown-Taylor</i>
<b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 3—Marketing on the Cheap <i>Jennifer Dietrich, Mandy Sosnowski, and Patti Russell</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 4—The Importance of a Successful Local Wellness Policy <i>Whitney Vance and Mary Teachout</i>
12:00 pm—1:00 pm <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	Lunch
1:00 pm—2:00 pm <b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 1—Production Records Under the New Meal Pattern <i>Dawn Madison and Robin Scheffler</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 2— Meet and Greet for Residential Child Care Institution Sponsors <i>Adrienne Davenport and Bryan Van Dorn</i>
<b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 3—Overview of the Financial Information Database (FID) <i>Patrick Conlen and Peggy Fletcher</i>

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

<b>Imperial Ballroom</b>	Breakout 4—The Importance of a Successful Local Wellness Policy (Repeat) <i>Whitney Vance and Mary Teachout</i>
2:00 pm—2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm—3:15 pm <b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 1—Production Records Under the New Meal Pattern (Repeat) <i>Dawn Madison and Robin Scheffler</i>
<b>Imperial Ballroom</b>	Breakout 2—Creative Menu Writing Under the New Meal Pattern <i>Lori Adkins</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 3—The Ins and Outs of Community Eligibility Option (CEO) <i>Bryan Van Dorn</i>
<b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 4—USDA Foods 101 <i>Jaime Malnar and Cheryl Schubel</i>
3:15 pm—3:30 pm <b>Crown Foyer</b>	Beverage Break
3:30 pm—4:30 pm <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	General Session—Your P.A.R.T. in Norovirus Control <i>Diane Golzynski and Janet Gaffke</i>
	Dinner on your own

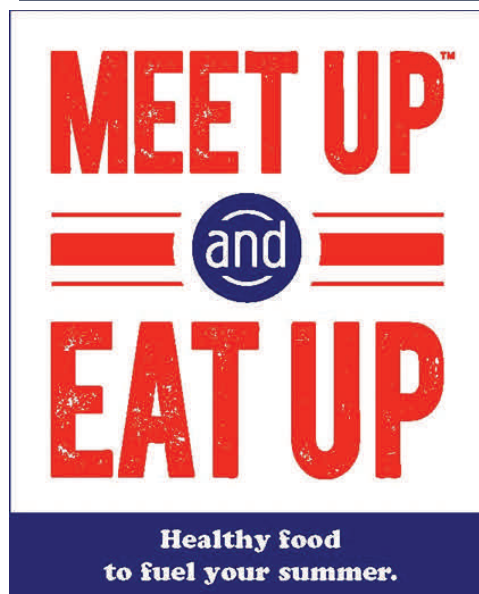




# FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013

## DAILY SCHEDULE

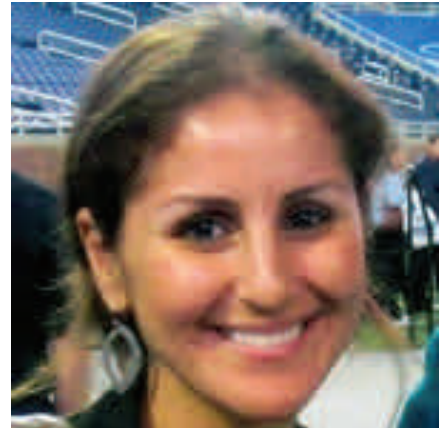
7:00 am—8:00 am	Breakfast sponsored by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan
7:30 am—8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am—9:30 am <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	General Session—Nourishing Michigan's Future <i>Sara Gold, Deanne Kelleher, Marty Gerencer, Jane Whitacre, and Nick Drzal</i>
9:30 am—9:45 am <b>Crown Foyer</b>	Breakfast Break
9:45 am—10:45 am <b>Imperial</b>	Breakout 1—Financial Management <i>Howard Leikert</i>
<b>Emerald Room</b>	Breakout 2—Networking Room <i>School Nutrition Programs staff</i>
<b>Cascade</b>	Breakout 3—Meet Up and Eat Up—Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) <i>Bryan Van Dorn, Terri Thelen, and Michelle Groothuis</i>
<b>Atrium</b>	Breakout 4—"Kids call me fat" ...Tiarra, 8 yrs. old—Become Part of the Childhood Obesity Solution (Repeat) <i>Lisa Brown-Taylor</i>
10:45 am—11:00 am	Break
11:00 am—12:30 pm <b>Ambassador Ballroom</b>	Closing Session <i>Special Guest Speaker: Chad Hymas</i>
12:30 pm	Boxed lunches will be provided



## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### **Samia Hamdan, MPH, RD**

Samia Hamdan is currently a Nutritionist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Agency. For the past eight years, she has provided training and guidance on USDA school meal programs and nutrition initiatives such as the HealthierUS School Challenge and Team Nutrition. She previously worked as a Research Associate at the School Nutrition Association in Alexandria, VA, where she assessed issues impacting school food service on a national level. She is a Registered Dietitian and completed a Master's Degree in Public Health Nutrition from the University of Minnesota.



### **Chad Hymas, CSP, CPAE - 2011 inductee to National Speakers Hall of Fame**

At the age of 27, Chad Hymas' life changed instantaneously when an accident left him a quadriplegic. Since that time, Chad has been recognized by the state of Utah as the Superior Civilian of the Year. He is the president of his own communications company and an internet marketing company. At 37 years of age, Chad is one of the youngest ever to receive the CPAE award and be inducted into the National Speaker Hall of Fame. As a member of the National Speakers Association, Chad spoke at over 220 events last year. He travels as many as 300,000 miles a year. Last year Chad spoke in five new countries on four continents, to hundreds of professional and civic organizations, such as Wells Fargo, Blue Cross Blue Shield, AT&T, Rainbird, IHC, American Express, Prudential Life, Vast FX, Zion Securities, and others. Chad is married and he and his wife are the proud parents of three children. They currently reside in Rush Valley, Utah, on a 200-acre wildlife preserve. Chad is a world-class wheelchair athlete enjoying basketball, wheelchair rugby, hang-gliding, and snow skiing. In July 2003, Chad set a World Record by wheeling a personal marathon of over 500 miles from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas. Chad is also the author of the regionally best-selling book, Doing What Must Be Done.



Chad Hymas will not only inspire, motivate, and move you... He will create an experience that will touch your heart for a lifetime. Chad's topics focus on the areas of Leadership, Teambuilding, Customer Service, and Mastering Change!

# SPEAKERS

**Kyle L. Guerrant, LMSW, Director, Office of School Support Services, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)** Kyle has been a strong leader and advocate in youth health, development, and safety issues in community-based non-profits, local schools, and state government for over 12 years. Currently, he is the Director of the Office of School Support Services at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Kyle and his team are charged with improving the health and educational outcomes of Michigan students through the implementation of Coordinated School Health initiatives. His office has a broad set of responsibilities that include USDA Child Nutrition Programs, primary care, and mental health services, as well as bullying prevention, health and physical education. Previously, Kyle served as the Supervisor of the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit at MDE, and as the Acting Manager of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program at the Michigan Department of Community Health. Kyle earned a bachelors degree (BA) in psychology (Child Development) from Long Island University, and a masters degree in social work (MSW) from the University of Michigan. He has served on numerous organizational boards ranging in focus from youth homelessness to adolescent sexual health. Kyle was also selected as a fellow in Michigan State University's Educational Policy Fellowship Program.

**Marla J. Moss, MS, RDN, Assistant Director, Office of School Support Services, Michigan Department of Education** Marla serves as the State Child Nutrition Director for Michigan. She has worked at the Michigan Department of Education since 2000, beginning her career in the Food Distribution Unit, serving as the supervisor for the unit from 2001 until 2006. She then transferred to the supervisory position in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. In 2010, Marla was promoted to Assistant Director, with oversight for all Child Nutrition Programs. Previously, Marla worked as a Registered Dietitian in the health care field.

**Howard Leikert, MBA, SNS, Supervisor, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** After graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor of business degree from the School of Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Management, Howard worked in the private sector with a food service management company. He began his professional career as a school food service assistant manager and became a regional vice president for a major food service management company responsible for more than 130 school districts in two states. Howard then went on to join a company providing business and industry cafeteria services for approximately 50 different companies as vice president. Howard earned a masters degree in business administration from Robert Morris University.

**Melanie Brummeler, MA, RDN, SNS, Compliance Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Melanie is a Registered Dietitian and alumni of both Michigan State University and Western Michigan University and has been with MDE School Nutrition Programs for almost 11 years. Currently, she works as a Compliance Manager in SNP coordinating reviews of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program. She was recently selected by the United States Department of Agriculture, Midwest Regional Office, to participate on the School Meals Administrative Review Reinvention Team (SMARRT) to develop the new Administrative Review.

**Nick Drzal, MPH, RD, Education Consultant Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Nick has been a Michigan Team Nutrition (MTN) team member for 11 years. For the past five years, he has directed all MTN grants. He also provided leadership for the USDA Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Card Grants. Additionally, he was instrumental in the development of the Michigan State Board of Education Nutrition Standards. Prior to MDE, Nick worked as a county public health nutritionist where he coordinated community-wide efforts to increase healthy eating and physical activity.

**Michelle Groothuis, SNS, Departmental Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Michelle has her bachelor of science degree in nutritional sciences from Michigan State University. Prior to her current role, Michelle was an analyst with the MDE School Nutrition Programs Unit for nine years.

**Stephanie Willingham, Departmental Manager, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Stephanie has worked at MDE for the past two years. Currently, she works as a Compliance Manager in SNP coordinating reviews of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Summer Food Service Program. Prior to joining the team at MDE, Stephanie worked for a non-profit that worked to increase awareness and participation in federal programs, such as the Supplemental Food Assistance Program, School Meals, the Summer Food Service Program, and WIC.



# SPEAKERS

**Lori Adkins, Child Nutrition Consultant, Oakland Intermediate School District** Lori is a Child Nutrition Professional with over 25 years of experience as a school food service director, child nutrition consultant, and educator in the field. Lori currently works as the Child Nutrition Consultant for Oakland Intermediate School District in Oakland County, Michigan, where she provides compliance support and training programs to local districts and serves as a co-administrator of the MOR purchasing co-op. Lori currently serves on the SNA Public Policy & Legislation Committee and Chairs the SNA of Michigan Statewide Training Task-Force.

**Liana Bennett, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Liana has a bachelors of home economics degree and a masters of foodservice management degree. She has a number of years of restaurant management and has now been an analyst with the School Nutrition Programs for two and one-half years.

**Lisa Brown-Taylor, MS, RDN, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Lisa has been at MDE working with the School Nutrition Programs focusing on compliance, direct certification, verification, and the Special Milk Programs for five years. Prior to working for MDE, she had a 12-year career as a Nutrition/Food Management Consultant for the Michigan Department of Community Health Licensing and Certification and Complaint Investigation Unit for Long Term Care. Her career began at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, as a Dietitian Research Associate for a NIH childhood obesity study and a NIDR childhood dental diet study.

**Patrick Conlen, Supervisor, Fiscal and Administrative Services, Michigan Department of Education** Patrick has a bachelors degree from Michigan State University and has been with MDE for just over three years.

**Adrienne Davenport, MPH, RDN, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Adrienne joined the School Nutrition Programs team in 2011 as an analyst. Since then, she has gained experience with the workings of the National School Lunch Program, Summer Food Service Program, training, food safety and grant proposal writing. Before her MDE experience, she worked for five years in the nutrition communications arena for clients including the National Dairy Council, Hass Avocado Board, and Kellogg's. Adrienne earned her master of public health degree from the University of Michigan and became a dietitian/nutritionist after completing her dietetic internship at the Hines VA Hospital just outside of Chicago.

**Jennifer Dietrich, Food Service Director, West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science** Jennifer has worked as the Food Service Director at West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science, a Public Charter School, for six years. In addition, she has been training other food service directors for the past three years.

**Peggy Fletcher, Financial Analyst, Fiscal and Administrative Services, Michigan Department of Education** Peggy has worked for the State of Michigan for 26 years and has been with MDE for the past three years working with the Child Nutrition Programs.

**Janet Gaffke, MS, RD, SNS, Consultant, Michigan Department of Education** Janet is a Registered Dietitian and also holds the School Nutrition Specialist certification. She is a graduate of Michigan State University (MSU) and also holds a master of science degree in institution administration from MSU. She completed her dietetic internship at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Janet's professional career spans over 30 years with experience in health care as an administrative dietitian (3 years), dietetic education as an internship director (5 years), and 25 years as a school food service director. Since her retirement from full time school employment, Janet serves as a School Nutrition and Food Service Consultant. She has done nutrition reviews for MDE and works with numerous schools in their application for the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) recognition from USDA. Janet is an instructor for the School Nutrition Association of Michigan Statewide Training Program for School Nutrition Professionals and a trainer for National Food Service Management Institute.

**Marty Gerencer, Principal at Morse Marketing Connections, member of Michigan Food Policy Council, and co-convenor of the Michigan Food Hub Network** Marty is the owner/operator of Morse Marketing Connections, LLC, a national food systems consulting agency. She holds several board positions, including the Michigan Food Policy Council and the Food Bank Council of Michigan. Her education includes a bachelors of science degree in computer information systems from Ferris State University and a masters in management degree from Aquinas College.

**Sara Gold, MSW, United Way for Southeastern Michigan** Sara, a native metro-Detroiter, serves as the Director of Michigan No Kid Hungry, a partnership of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, the national non-profit Share Our Strength, and the State of Michigan. Michigan No Kid Hungry is a statewide, public-private partnership working to eliminate child hunger in Michigan with a focus on ensuring that all children have nutritious food at home, at school, and in their communities. Sara serves as the liaison between project partners and facilitates the strategic planning and implementation process for Michigan No Kid Hungry. Prior to holding this position, Sara worked for USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in the Office of Strategic Initiatives, Partnerships, and Outreach. Sara's professional and academic career has focused on domestic social policy and programs to help those experiencing poverty with an emphasis on childhood food insecurity and access to healthy food.

# SPEAKERS

**Diane Golzynski, PhD, RDN, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Diane joined MDE and the Michigan Team Nutrition team in 2012. She has experience in foodservice management and food safety regulations, developing and conducting training programs, monitoring/evaluating programs, and providing technical assistance to improve the quality and efficiency of foodservice and other nutrition programs. Prior to MDE, Diane worked as the Michigan Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Coordinator for MDCH focusing on food policy and access to Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables.

**Deanne Kelleher, MS, RD, Manager, School Foodservice Programs, United Dairy Industry of Michigan** Deanne is the Manager of School Foodservice Programs with United Dairy Industry of Michigan. She coordinates the efforts to promote nutrient-rich foods such as milk, cheese, and yogurt in schools. She works with school nutrition professionals to assure students have a positive dairy experience in the cafeteria, a la carte, and vending. Deanne is a Registered Dietitian, and has worked in the field of pediatric nutrition for nearly 20 years. Deanne received her bachelor of science in dietetics degree from Michigan State University, completed her internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, and finished her master of science in clinical investigation degree at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professionals.

**Melissa Lonsberry, MS, RD, Consultant, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Michigan Department of Education** Melissa possesses a masters in human nutrition degree and Registered Dietitian certification. She has experience in implementing nutrition intervention and obesity prevention programs, such as developing and conducting food service training programs, monitoring federal regulations, and providing nutrition-related technical assistance. Currently she serves as consultant lead for the recently implemented adult component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

**Dawn Madison, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Dawn earned a B.A. degree in English and business from Saginaw Valley State University and has over 20 years of experience as a school food service director prior to her work with MDE. She is a member of SNA and SNAM and a past SNAM chapter president. Dawn currently serves on the SNAM Nutrition Committee. During her time as a food service director, she worked as a trainer for new directors and participated with a mentoring program.

**Jaime Malnar, MHSA, Consultant, Food Distribution, Michigan Department of Education** Jaime has bachelor of science degrees in community development and health and nutrition sciences from Central Michigan University, as well as a master of health services administration degree from Central Michigan University. Jaime currently provides oversight, technical assistance, monitoring, and consultative services pertaining to the USDA Foods (Commodities) School and Household Programs. She has over 12 years of experience providing support and expertise to Michigan Schools; five of those years were spent providing technical assistance to schools involved in USDA Child Nutrition grants and programs.

**Nichole Polston, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Nikki has a bachelor of science in dietetics from Michigan State University (MSU). She worked at MSU for 11 years; seven years with the Department of Residential and Hospitality Services as a Residential Dining Services Manager. She has now been an analyst with the School Nutrition Programs for one and one-half years.

**Patti Russell, Food Service Director, Northwest Community Schools** Patti is beginning her 17th year as the Food Service Director at Northwest Community Schools, north of Jackson. She is passionate about school meals and brings a culinary background to her district kitchens. She creates “experiences” for her customers and believes that people eat with their eyes as well as their mouths.

**Robin Scheffler, SNS, FMP, CND, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Robin is a Child Nutrition Professional with 22 years of experience as a school food service director, and she is currently an analyst with the School Nutrition Programs unit. Robin earned her B.A. in hotel restaurant and institutional management from Michigan State University. Robin is certified through MSBO as a Child Nutrition Director, is a School Nutrition Specialist through SNA, and holds the Food Management Professional designation from the National Restaurant Association’s Educational Foundation.

**Stephanie Schenkel, MPA, Consultant, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Michigan Department of Education** Stephanie has been a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) team member for one year. She advises child care centers, community agencies, schools, afterschool programs, and interest groups on the operation and administration of the CACFP. She is also responsible for developing operational memorandums and handbooks based on USDA guidance and regulations. Prior to CACFP, Stephanie worked as a Departmental Analyst in the Child Development and Care program in the Office of Great Start, where she analyzed and recommended modifications to child development and care policies for the State of Michigan.

# SPEAKERS

**Cheryl Schubel, Supervisor, Food Distribution, Michigan Department of Education** Cheryl holds her bachelor of science degree in dietetics and a master of business administration in hotel, restaurant, and institutional management from Michigan State University. She has been the Supervisor of the Food Distribution unit for seven years. Responsibilities include the oversight and monitoring provided by Food Distribution staff for school and household programs (The Emergency Food Assistance Program and Commodity Supplemental Food Program) as well as procurement and food service contracts.

**Anne Scott, MPH, Michigan Farm-to-School Grant Program Coordinator** Anne is a specialist of the Center for Regional Food Systems focused on youth engagement and public health. A lifelong Michigander, Anne earned her bachelor of science degree in urban and regional planning with a specialization in community development and her master in public health from Michigan State University. During her time as Project Director of the Youth Farm Stand Project, Anne facilitated with community partners the start-up, development, and sustainability of youth run farm stands in sixteen communities across Michigan. In addition to her current role as the Michigan Farm-to-School Grant Program Coordinator, she provides outreach and technical support to youth development and community gardening programs, develops garden and food system-based curriculum for educators, and engages in participatory research around community food system issues.

**Mandy Sosnowski, Nutrition Service Director, Fraser Public Schools-Aramark** Mandy is a graduate of Michigan State University and has been a food service director with Aramark Corporation for almost 13 years, six of which have been in the education field. She has been an active member in SNAM as the Area 3 representative for over two years. One elementary in her district has achieved Bronze HUSSC status, and she is working on getting the rest of her elementary schools certified for the 2013-2014 school year. Mandy is involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Clinton Township's planning committee and is very active in cancer and school food legislation.

**Mary Teachout, MAT, Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Mary works to support the implementation of coordinated school health initiatives in schools across the state, works to prepare pre-service teachers for their work in the classroom, and is the MDE representative for the state curriculum, *The Michigan Model for Health®*. Mary received her bachelor of science in biopsychology from Grand Valley State University and a masters in education from Aquinas College where she went on to teach kindergarten. Prior to MDE, Mary worked for the Michigan Department of Community Health and has 10 years' experience working with developmentally disabled and mentally ill adults.

**Terri Thelen, RDN, Analyst, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Terri has been an analyst with the School Nutrition Programs for one and one-half years. She received her nutrition degree from Eastern Michigan University and is a Registered Dietitian.

**Joel Thiele, Data Collection Analyst, Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), Michigan Department of Education** Joel joined the Data Collection Team at CEPI in 2011, and is the business lead for certain areas of the Michigan Student Data System, including the Direct Certification process. Prior to working for the State of Michigan, Joel served five years at the Genesee Intermediate School District supporting the county-wide student information system used by 20 school districts.

**Bryan Van Dorn, MPA, Consultant, School Nutrition Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Bryan has a masters in public administration degree from Eastern Michigan University. He has been with the Michigan Department of Education since 2010, where he began working in the School Nutrition Programs unit as an analyst conducting administrative reviews of school lunch and summer feeding programs. Bryan is now a consultant with SNP and his work is centered on the Summer Food Service Program, conducting outreach to current and prospective sponsors, as well as training and technical assistance to the various partners involved in summer feeding. He also works closely with school districts who have implemented the Community Eligibility Option (CEO) for qualifying schools to provide free meals to their students regardless of a family's financial situation. Bryan's previous work included at-risk youth programs in the Detroit and Lansing areas and ensuring quality services be provided in underserved areas.

**Whitney Vance, MS, RD, Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs, Michigan Department of Education** Whitney possesses a masters degree in human nutrition and a Registered Dietitian certification. She has extensive experience in implementing public health prevention programs, such as developing and conducting large scale training programs and providing nutrition-related technical assistance. Currently she serves as nutrition lead for the Coordinated School Health and Safety Program's Centers for Disease Control Grant.

**Jane Whitacre, Director of the Michigan Food Policy Council** Jane was a founder of Michigan's food bank network, the Food Bank Council of Michigan, where she worked as Executive Director for 18 years. She has served as director of the Michigan Food Policy Council since August of 2011. Jane was elected as an Eaton County Commissioner last Fall and is leading an effort there to strengthen the local food economy and access to good food.



**The entire School Nutrition Programs staff welcomes all of you to our 2013 Nourishing Michigan's Future Conference. We appreciate all of your work, dedication and cooperation in helping to feed our students healthy meals.**



Front Row: Melanie Brummeler, Howard Leikert, Dawn Madison and Nichole Polston

Second Row: Robin Scheffler, Adrienne Davenport, Liana Bennett, Terri Thelen and Stephanie Willingham

Third Row: Tanea Curtis, Nick Drzal, Peggy LaFleur, Diane Golzynski, Connie Kraft, Sharron Brown, Michelle Groothuis and Lisa Brown-Taylor

Fourth Row: Kyle Guerrant, Linda Bushong, Linda Stull, Dot Anderson, Diahann Curtis and Bryan Van Dorn



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